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# National Grid set to shut town call centre

**A NATIONAL Grid call centre in Northampton is to shut with 400 employees having to move to offices in Leicestershire or take another job within the firm.**

The company's office at Lakeside House, in Bedford Road, Northampton, is expected to close next summer and all call centre operations will be moved to a site in Hinckley.

A spokesman for National Grid said the company would work with the 400 Northampton staff to help them move or find new posts within the firm.

About 150 to 200 employees are expected to make the move to Leicestershire.

The spokesman said: "We do not plan for any Northampton staff to lose their jobs as a result of the consolidation of our two customer teams as employees will have the opportunity to seek employment elsewhere within National Grid, including the Hinckley site.

"We are very aware that seeking employment within the wider company may not be an option for everyone due to personal circumstances, such as travel restrictions, and we are working with those employees to help them seek employment within the wider Northampton area.

"National Grid is a responsible employer.

"We have an excellent record of supporting our employees through change and, if there are redundancies, we offer a comprehensive support package."

National Grid call handlers at the merged centre in Hinckley, which was officially opened on Monday, will deal with nearly 2.7 million gas supply queries each year.



Ann Timson receives her award from Anton Du Beke and Carol Vorderman

## Supergran is pride of Britain

FORMER pop sensation and *Strictly Come Dancing* star, Jason Donovan, said he wished he had a grandmother just like Northampton's 'Supergran' after presenting her with a Pride of Britain Award.

Ann Timson, aged 71, from Spring Boroughs, was presented with the award for outstanding bravery at a ceremony in London's Park Lane on Monday.

The plucky pensioner, who hit the headlines after single-hand-

edly taking on a gang of armed robbers as they carried out a raid on Michael Jones Jeweller, in Gold Street, Northampton, was handed the award by the stars of this year's *Strictly Come Dancing* contest.

## Care home nurse to face hearing

A NURSE will appear in front of a hearing this month to face almost 70 allegations of misconduct at a Northampton care home. David Ajayi was working at the Westwood Lodge home in Dallington, which cares for elderly and mental health patients, when the alleged abuse and misconduct, totalling 69 counts, was said to have taken place between 2006 and 2008. The hearing is due to start on October 17.

## Dangerous man starts life in jail

AN "exceptionally dangerous" man who lured an American girl to Harlestone Firs where she was blindfolded, had her throat slit and then repeatedly stabbed was this week starting life imprisonment. David Russell, aged 20, must serve 17-and-a-half years in prison for the calculated kidnap and attempted murder of a 19-year-old woman from California, who he met through Facebook.

## Campaign to cut food waste

A CAMPAIGN to get householders to reduce their food waste could save the county council hundreds of thousands of pounds each year. The Love Food Hate Waste initiative, run by Northamptonshire County Council, aims to demonstrate how much food householders throw away. Currently, 36 per cent of the county's waste consists of food stuff, costing the council thousands in landfill fines.

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Ruth Baker has been 'trapped' upstairs in her Thorplands home for a week while she awaits repairs to her stairlift

# Lift faults trap woman upstairs

**A WOMAN crippled by arthritis has been 'trapped' upstairs in her Northampton home for more than a week after problems with the installation of her stairlift.**

Ruth Baker, aged 45, from Thorplands, was given a disabled facilities grant by Northampton Borough Council to pay for a new stairlift at her local authority home in April.

But following its installation by a sub-contractor, the device broke more than a week ago after months of problems.

Since then, Mrs Baker said she had been stuck upstairs, missing doctors' appointments in the intervening period.

She said: "I was on the grant waiting list for more than a year because I was low priority and now it has come through I've had nothing but problems."

"I've been told someone will come out to me again this week to

finally get me downstairs again.

"I can't believe nobody seems to regard the fact a woman is imprisoned in her own house as a priority situation."

Mrs Baker revealed the safety belt would sometimes suddenly come unfastened and the original installation left the stairlift unstable to the point that she had been tipped out on two occasions.

But the latest problem is degraded concrete at the bottom of the staircase which has left the device too unstable to use.

Mrs Baker said: "I can't even get a home visit from a nurse for my blood test because I'm not classed as bedridden, even though I'm effectively housebound by this."

A council spokeswoman said the works to the floor were scheduled for Tuesday and the stairlift was expected to be in place by the end of the week.

She added everything had been done to ensure Mrs Baker was without a stairlift for as short a time as possible.

## Inspection reforms 'are open to abuse'

REFORMS to the system of school inspections, which would see parents given new powers to anonymously report schools to Ofsted, could be "open to abuse", a Northampton primary school headteacher says.

New-style inspections, being introduced in January, will put a bigger emphasis on teaching quality and mothers and fathers will be able to trigger a fresh inspection of schools if they fear a drop in teaching standards, behaviour, exam results or the

quality of leadership.

But Philip Buckle, vice-president of the county branch of the National Association of Head Teachers (NAHT) and headteacher at Boothville Primary School in Northampton, said the "mechanism was open to abuse from those who might have a grudge to bear."

He said: "This method of complaint I can only liken to writing poor comments about a restaurant or a product... sometimes they are completely unfounded."

## Police move on ravers

THE police helicopter was called out to Yardley Chase, near the village of Horton, after reports of a suspected illegal rave in the early hours of Sunday. The area was searched and unauthorised vehicles were ordered to leave by officers on the ground.

## Two arsons at weekend

FIREFIGHTERS from Mereway Fire Station, in Northampton, were called to two arson attacks on Sunday night. At shortly before 7pm they were called to a fire in a Vauxhall Vectra car parked in the main car park at Salcey Forest, which caused damage to the car's front passenger seat. At about 11.15pm they attended a further fire at the recreation ground in Curtlee Hill, Wootton Fields, in which a train in the play area was destroyed.

## Panto stars at centre

THE stars of this year's Royal & Derngate pantomime will be at the Grosvenor Centre in Northampton next Monday. Comedian Bobby Davro, dancer Brian Fortuna and actor Jeffrey Holland, who will be performing in *Aladdin*, will be making a special appearance at 12.30pm. The performers will be appearing in costume and will take part in a question and answer session.

## Did anyone video gig?

A ROCK band is trying to get a copy of video footage of their performance at a charity gig. Dark played at The Picturedrome in Kettering Road, Northampton on Friday for the first time in 14 years, to raise money for Northampton General Hospital. The gig, which raised more than £2,000, was in memory of guitarist Steve Giles's daughter Carly, who died suddenly in February aged 23. The band is appealing for anyone who filmed the performance in any quality or quantity to come forward. The recording equipment organised by the band failed. Anyone who can help can contact Steve Giles at gilesphotos@yahoo.co.uk



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## Roadworks plan for A45

MOTORISTS will face some disruption as roadworks take place on the A45 between Knuston Farm, near Rushden, and junction 15 of the M1. The Highways Agency will start resurfacing, road marking and stud renewal works on the road on Monday, October 17. The work will take place overnight and at off-peak times to minimise disruption and is due to finish on November 3. Drivers have been advised to check conditions and leave extra time for their journeys.

## Red forklift truck stolen

POLICE are appealing for witnesses following the theft of a forklift truck from a site in Cosgrove. The red Manitou forklift truck was stolen between Saturday, September 24 and Wednesday, September 28.

## Book now for concert

THE last few seats are available for pre-booking the forthcoming 'We Will Remember Them' Armistice Day concert and Act of Remembrance at the Church of the Holy Sepulchre in Sheep Street on Friday, November 11. Patrons of the Restoration Trust can call Northampton 754782 to book or visit [www.steps.org](http://www.steps.org) for information.

## Soldier gets war medal

A SOLDIER from Northamptonshire is to receive the Military Cross for rescuing a wounded soldier while under fire in Afghanistan. Private Bryan Johnson, aged 24, of the Royal Regiment of Scotland, was part of a patrol examining a series of suspect compounds in the Nad-e-Ali district when a concealed enemy unleashed two grenades and a volley of gunfire on the soldiers. Private Johnson, from Corby, saw his friend shot in the leg but ran forward, grabbed him and dragged him out before giving first aid to stop the bleeding. Bryan's citation points out: "Throughout the engagement Johnson displayed immense courage, coolness, dedication and compassion under fire."



## 'Club needs new fans or risks standing still'

NORTHAMPTON Saints are at a 'crossroads' with the club needing to actively attract new fans or risk 'standing still', Franklin's Gardens bosses have said.

Allan Robson, pictured, Saints' chief executive, said he "understands" the disappointment among some supporters about the decision to move January's game with Munster to Milton Keynes.

However, he said: "We would also ask our fans - and the wider public and business community - to consider the reasons behind the decision being made for the long-term as well as the short-term.

"The club's objective is to win rugby matches, pure and simple.

"We certainly would not decide to take a game somewhere where we thought we would be at a disadvantage. Jim Mallinder has been a party to the decision and the

players enjoyed playing in Milton Keynes last season.

"Moreover, we have been accused by some people of 'selling out'. Yes, there will be commercial benefits. But they are crucially important in helping the Saints be one of the best teams in Europe because we are financially stable."

Mr Robson added: "In the next 18 months we will be making a multi-million pound investment into Franklin's Gardens that will increase the capacity by 2,000 seats.

"These seats will need to be filled, not just on a big occasion but week in, week out.

"We are at a crossroads in which we can either go down a route that will see our fan base grow and maintain our financial stability, or stand still and become increasingly reliant on the good will and deep pockets of one or two individuals.

## Traders angry at decision to move fixture

BUSINESSES in St James have reacted with alarm following the decision by Saints bosses to move a lucrative European tie out of Northampton.

Northampton Saints' chief executive Allan Robson has revealed the club will hold January's Heineken Cup match with Irish giants Munster in Milton Keynes - the first time the club has volunteered a move out of Northampton.

Last season the club was forced to move two European matches to *stadiummk* because Franklin's Gardens could not accommodate enough fans. This time the club has actively chosen to stage the game in Milton Keynes, with officials saying they want more fans to be able to see the match.

The decision has brought anger and disappointment from businesses in and around St James, who have said the decision will have a huge financial impact on the area.

Paul McManus, who owns both the Foundry Arms and the Thomas A Becket pubs, both in St James Road, said the lost income would run into tens of thousands of pounds.

He said the two pubs had served around 6,000 drinks in one day when Munster last visited Northampton in 2009 in what was the "busiest day's trade in more than 40 years".

He said: "It's a worrying trend. The last time Munster descended on Northampton was one of the best atmospheres and the best day of trade we have ever had.

"It was the busiest day in our company's 42-year history. I think we have to be proud of our stadium and proud of where it is. Milton Keynes is just not the same."

Richard Cutler, landlord of the Thomas A Becket, yesterday accused the club officials of hypocrisy. He said: "Last year when they had to move the Ulster game they kicked up a fuss about the council not supporting the club and now they have moved this match. I think it is double standards myself.

"The last time Munster were here was absolutely brilliant, the atmosphere was amazing and it was great for the community."

Jindi Kaur, who runs Norman's Newsagents, also in St James Road, added: "The rugby has a huge impact on us."

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# One in ten jobs to go

OFFICIALS at Daventry District Council have revealed plans to cut the number of jobs at the authority by 10 per cent.

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The BP service station on the A5 at Weedon, where the Ultimate unleaded petrol pump dispensed diesel fuel

## Mum died in accident

A MOTHER who died in a horrific car accident, during which her young son managed to escape from the wreckage, has been named by police. Claire Purves, aged 34, from Sulgrave, Northamptonshire, died in the crash on the B4525 at Greatworth last Monday. She died after a head-on collision caused her car to catch fire.

## Businesses share £30k

THREE businesses in Northamptonshire have received a share of £120,000 from the Sustainable Construction iNet in Daventry. EcoAnswers, Marsh Industries and Protean Design have received about £30,000 between them. Primarily funded by the University of Northampton and the East Midlands Development Agency, iNet works to promote and assist innovation in the region.

## WI blog to mark 40th

TOWCESTER Evening WI has launched a blog as it marks its 40th anniversary. Members will promote the group and the WI movement at a display in Towcester Library from October 7-30 to mark the milestone. The display will include highlights from the group's history, its role in the local community and national WI campaigns. The new blog can be found at <http://towcesterwi.blogspot.com>

## Make music at library

PEOPLE will be able to turn words into music at Weston Favell Library in the Weston Favell Centre, off Billing Brook Road, Northampton. The event, where people can share poems and lyrics and set them to music, will take place on October 13 from 7.15pm to 9pm. For details call Northampton 403100.

## New day centre open

A DAY Centre has opened in Orchard Hill, Little Billing, Northampton. The Priory Day Centre provides a safe, caring environment for people with physical and learning disabilities.

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# Shock at fuel mix-up at garage

DRIVERS got a shock when they filled up their cars at a Northamptonshire petrol station only to find they had been supplied with the wrong fuel.

BP has launched an investigation into the incident, which happened at the Freeway Connect petrol station on the A5 near Weedon on Sunday afternoon.

A spokesman for BP confirmed the company received complaints from two customers who were supplied with diesel fuel from the Ultimate unleaded petrol pump.

Luke Cook, the owner of Wootton-based mobile fuel company, Wrong Fuel Solutions, said he received a call from the driver of a Subaru Impreza at around 9pm on Sunday after he was supplied with

the wrong fuel earlier in the afternoon.

Mr Cook said the car cut out as soon as the driver left the garage because it had been filled with the wrong fuel but the repairs cost the driver almost £200.

He said: "As it is higher class vehicles that usually use Ultimate unleaded fuel, such as Mercedes and BMWs, repairs could cost people thousands of pounds."

A spokesman from BP said: "As soon as we became aware of the situation we shut down the pump that had been used."

The spokesman said as Ultimate unleaded was a high value fuel, it was not used as regularly.

As the incident was not at a peak time, he did not think too many drivers would have been affected.

## Busy weekend for the air ambulance

THE air ambulance crew was at their base for a total of only 48 minutes in one hectic 24-hour period at the weekend.

On Saturday, doctors with the Warwickshire and Northamptonshire Air Ambulance - which celebrated its eighth 'birthday' that day - tackled several emergencies across the two counties.

The anniversary day started with the crew attending an accident that led to the closure of the M1 motorway, near Crick.

A 62-year-old female motorbike pillion passenger had been thrown on to the carriageway between junctions 18 and 19 and had dislocated and fractured her lower leg. The M1 was closed to allow the helicopter to land and the patient was airlifted to Coventry.

The crew also helped people involved in a range of sports injuries on Saturday. In total, WNAA attended seven emergency call-outs at the weekend.



## Shop's new loyalty card

THE Salvation Army Trading Company's charity shop in Northampton has launched a new customer loyalty card scheme. The new "re:ward" card is a free, double-sided loyalty card that rewards customers each time they spend £5 in the shop or donate their unwanted items using one of the shop's reusable "re: bags".

## Give blood at sessions

THE National Blood and Transplant Service is holding two donor sessions in Northampton next week. The first will be at the Methodist Church Hall, in Welford Road, Kingsthorpe on Monday, October 10 between 1.15pm and 7.15pm. The second is on Tuesday, October 11 between 1.30pm and 7.30pm. To book, call 0300 123 23 23.

## Petrol leak at BP depot

FIVE crews of firefighters were called out to deal with a petrol spill in Northampton. Dozens of firefighters were called to the BP depot in St James Mill Road shortly after 7pm Saturday to deal with a spillage of 500 litres of unleaded petrol. The leak was fixed and 3,400 litres of foam was sprayed on the spillage.

## Charity gig for Africa

A CHARITY concert to raise money for famine relief in Africa will be held at the Picturehouse, Kettering Road, Northampton. The Freddie Hall Band, Celtic Rasta and Rhythm 'n' Roots will play on Friday, October 14. Tickets cost £5 or donate at [www.justgiving.com/RayHueDECAfrica](http://www.justgiving.com/RayHueDECAfrica)

## More enjoy UK nature

A STUDY by the Royal Society of the Protection of Birds has revealed more people than ever before are enjoying nature in the UK, bringing economic benefits to local communities such as Northamptonshire.



This undercroft car park off Gold Street in Northampton town centre has become the haunt of vagrants and drug users

# Gates plan for hotspot for vagrants

**GATES could soon be built around the basement car park of a Northampton town centre building to stop homeless people and drug users using it as a place to squat.**

Plans have been submitted to Northampton Borough Council to build gates around a car park which sits underneath a building in College Street Mews, near Gold Street.

In documents submitted to the council on behalf of the building's owner, David Fry of property consultants Underwoods, said the gate was desperately needed to stop people getting into the car park without permission.

He said: "The main concern is the growing number of unauthorised people, predominantly vagrants, using the undercroft

for shelter from the weather overnight and as a base throughout the week.

"The presence of the vagrants has become a health and safety issue in recent months, with needles, bottles and general rubbish left in the parking area.

"Of greater concern, particularly heading into the winter months, is the creation of fires to keep the vagrants warm.

"At least two fires have had to be extinguished in recent months.

"This is a threat not only to the structural stability of the building, but there is a personal threat to the people who park their cars in the undercroft and have to face these people as they arrive."

Officials from the borough council's planning department are expected to make a final decision on whether or not the gates can be built in the next couple of months.

## Travellers move on after eviction notice

A GROUP of travellers who illegally parked on land near to a primary school in Northampton has moved on after being served with an eviction notice.

Northamptonshire County Council obtained an eviction order after a hearing at Northampton Magistrates' Court on Friday.

The travellers set up on land off Westwood Way, near to Weston Favell CofE Primary School on September 21.

The court heard evidence from a member of the county council's traveller liaison team who said there had been concerns ex-

pressed by the primary school.

The officer also said the county council was concerned the new purchasers of the land may pull out if the travellers remained on the land.

They were asked to leave on Sunday, September 25 and again two days later but, by Friday, they were still on the land so the council decided to obtain the court order. Richard McAdam, prosecuting for the county council, said the group of travellers was known to the traveller liaison unit and were believed to be from the north of England visiting friends in Northampton.

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# Hottest temperature in October was recorded

PEOPLE in Northampton sweltered in the hottest temperatures ever to be recorded in October with a new high of 27.5C being set on Saturday.

Many supermarkets sold out of barbecue food and the town's parks were full of sunbathers enjoying the unusually hot weather during the weekend.

Mike Lewis, manager of Pitsford Hall Weather Station, said the previous October record maximum had been 27.4C but this was topped by 0.1C on Saturday afternoon.

But the weather expert said the hot weather was soon to come to an abrupt end with cooler air bringing in the possibility of some rain.

Kevin Legg, manager of the Weston Favell Centre, said the unusually hot

weather had meant many clothing retailers had put back some of the summer clothes they had started to phase out. He said: "A lot of the summer range products went really well with a lot of retailers getting some of their stock such as shorts and T-shirts back on to the shelves."

Many supermarkets in the town, including Morrisons in the town centre, completely sold out of barbecue-related products.

Ian Hill, manager of Abington Park Cafe, said the park had been much busier than normal for October. "We've had loads of people coming in and wanting ice lollies and ice cream but we are managing to keep up with demand," he said.



Carlsberg plans to construct two 72ft towers at its brewery in Northampton

## Brewery plans its latest expansion

**LATEST plans for the expansion of the Carlsberg brewery in the centre of Northampton have been revealed by the Danish brewing giant.**

Following the closure of the firm's Leeds brewery in June this year, millions of pounds has been invested in the Northampton site to boost the amount of beer it can produce from three million barrels a year to four million.

The latest stage of the investment programme will see two large steel towers built at the Northampton site to be used as part of the brewing process.

Documents submitted by the firm to Northampton Borough Council show the two new tanks would stand at just over 72 ft tall.

The firm said: "The two vessels are required as part of plans by Carlsberg UK to increase the capacity within the Carlsberg brewery in Northampton."

The tanks will be used to store hot alcohol made as part of the brewing process. They will be located to the south of the brewery, close to Bridge Street.

After centralising its brewing in Northampton this year, the company has reported a major increase in profits.

At the end of last month, it was reported the company had increased its turnover from an annual figure of £946.5 million in 2009 to £978.8 million by the end of December 2010.

The firm's financial figures also showed Carlsberg UK made a pre-tax profit last year of £21.4

million, a major recovery from the previous year's figures when the company reported a loss of £10 million.

Carlsberg's business in the UK dates back to the early 1970s when the firm bought the Phipps brewery site in Northampton. In 1974 it opened its current brewery at a cost of £15 million.

Of all the beer Carlsberg now makes across the world, 40 per cent is drunk in Britain.

Officials from Northampton Borough Council's planning committee will discuss the plans for the new steel towers over the coming months.

They are expected to make a decision on whether or not the development can go ahead by the middle of November.

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## Future of NHS debated

HEALTH leaders met this week to discuss the shake-up of NHS hospitals across the region.

Senior clinicians, local health and social leaders and patient representatives from Northamptonshire, Bedfordshire, Luton and Milton Keynes discussed how certain specialist hospital services could be delivered differently.

The meeting also considered how the NHS could ensure effective health services for 1.6 million people living in the area with less Government money.



# Supergran is 'Pride of Britain'

**'SUPERGRAN' Ann Timson was presented with a Pride of Britain Award at a star-studded ceremony in London's Park Lane on Monday night.**

Mrs Timson, aged 71, became a national heroine after foiling a robbery at Michael Jones Jewellers, in Gold Street, Northampton, in February.

A video captured the handbag-wielding pensioner, of Spring Boroughs, sprinting along Gold Street after a gang of robbers, armed with sledgehammers and riding motorbikes, began smashing their way into the town centre jewellers.

After she intervened, other members of the public joined in. Five gang members, who had all been involved in similar robberies, were caught and jailed for a total of 26 years thanks to their actions.

Mrs Timson (pictured) was presented with an outstanding bravery award at the Grosvenor House, in Park Lane, hosted by Carol Vorderman.

More than 100 stars, including the Prince of Wales, Gary Barlow, Cheryl Cole, Ant and Dec and David Beckham, were due to honour the winners, including Mrs Timson.



Prince Charles, who takes part in Pride of Britain every year, said: "The Pride of Britain Awards are, I believe, a unique way to celebrate the achievements of some truly remarkable people, and hear something of their inspiring and humbling stories."

"These marvellous awards remind all of us that, despite what one might think, throughout this country there are extraordinary people living selfless lives, showing unbelievable courage and caring for their families, neighbours and communities."

Television producer Simon Cowell added: "I genuinely believe it's the best award ceremony of the year."

"It makes you realise exactly what life is about and what people have to overcome."

The winners are selected by a judging committee which this year included the Olympian double gold medallist swimmer, Rebecca Adlington, Victoria Cross winner Johnstone Beharry, ITN journalist Mark Austin, *Daybreak's* Christine Bleakley, *Strictly Come Dancing* presenter Tess Daly, and chief nursing officer Dame Christine Beasley.

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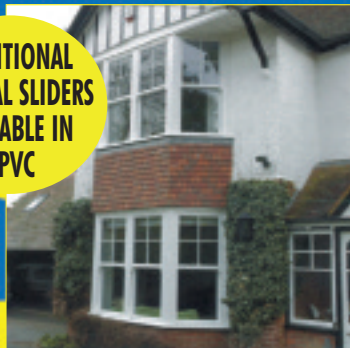
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# Cautious welcome for freeze on tax

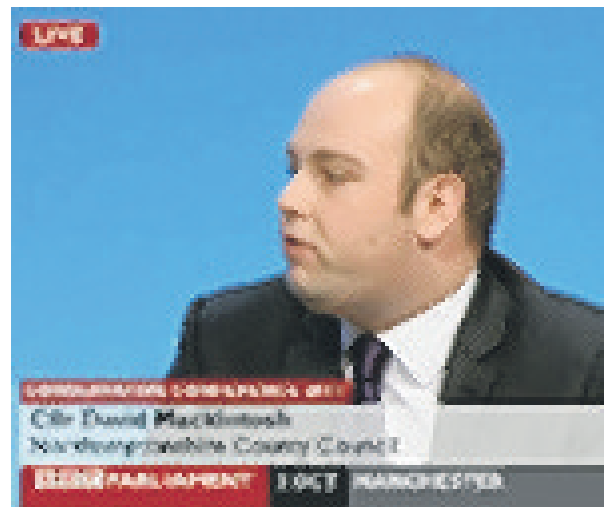
**GOVERNMENT plans to freeze council tax have been given a cautious welcome by politicians in Northamptonshire.**

On Monday, Chancellor George Osborne announced that councils across the country would be encouraged to freeze tax rates next year. Those that do will be rewarded with a share of a £805 million funding pot which has been put together by the Government.

The move has been welcomed by Northamptonshire County Council cabinet member, Councillor David Mackintosh (*Con, Ecton Brook*) who was among the speakers at the Conservative Party conference on Monday.

Councillor Mackintosh, who spoke about ways to revive the economy during his time at the conference, said: "Until we know the technical details, it's difficult to say what the full impact of the council tax freeze will be, other than to say we'll discuss it fully to come up with what we think is the best solution for Northamptonshire."

The leader of the Labour opposition group on the county council, Councillor John McGhee (*Lab, Kingswood*) agreed now was not the right time to put up



**Northamptonshire County Council cabinet member, Councillor David Mackintosh, speaking at the Conservative party conference**

council tax, but insisted the cash-strapped authority would be forced to make more cuts in the coming year.

He said: "I have no doubt that the cuts haven't finished yet. They'll continue because there's no way the Government is going to fund local government properly.

"So I think the council tax freeze is a false economy, but I totally understand that people won't want to pay any more than they're already doing."

Instead of a council tax rise, the Labour leader said he would like to see the introduction of a 'Robin Hood tax' aimed at the financial sector.

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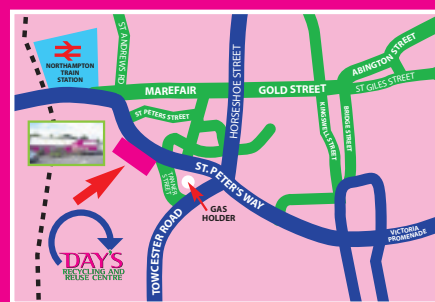
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# Record numbers in this year's run

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The annual event, now in its third year, attracted nearly 2,500 adult runners who took part in a 10km or 5km race which started and finished at Sixfields after following a circular route through the town centre.

The hot temperatures did affect some competitors with one man collapsing 200m from the finishing line after suffering from heat exhaustion.

Ian Hamilton, one of The Run organisers, said: "It's been absolutely fantastic, we've had far more people watching this year. We estimate that we've doubled the amount of spectators on last year.

"You don't really expect the weather to be like this and it is a huge contrast to last year when it was cold and wet.

"It's quite normal in these temperatures that you get some people suffering the affects of the sun but they have been looked after by the medical staff."

The winner of the 5k race, in a time just under 16 minutes, was



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30-year-old Mathew Almond, who had made a remarkable recovery after being hit by a car in February, which led to him not being able to use his left leg for a period of time.

Mr Almond said: "It's only been in the last five months that I've got back into running. I'm still not at top fitness."

The winner of the 10k race was Paul Melling, a 36-year-old firefighter from Hackleton in a time just over 33 minutes.

In second place was Nick Beer, who was running for the Always



a Chance Foundation, the charity set up in memory of James Cooper and James Kouzaris, who were shot dead in Florida in April.

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The Government has devised a scheme to encourage weekly bin collections

# Council explores plan for weekly collections

**OFFICIALS** from Northampton Borough Council met the Government on Monday to discuss possible plans to bring back weekly black bin collections.

Last week, the Government's communities secretary, Eric Pickles, announced a £250 million scheme to help councils which have fortnightly collections return to a weekly system.

Following the announcement, Northampton Borough Council's cabinet advisor, Councillor David Mackintosh (*Con, Rectory Farm*) arranged to meet Mr Pickles to discuss how Northampton could benefit from the Government's plans.

He said: "We're obviously very interested in looking at ways we can do this."

"We need to look at the details of what the Government has

announced, but a lot of what Eric Pickles has talked about, in terms of reducing food waste and increasing recycling rates is what we're already doing as part of our new waste contract with Daventry."

The council launched its waste partnership with Daventry District Council earlier this year.

The deal saw both area's waste collection services handed over to private company, Enterprise.

Although the change to a private company initially led to serious disruptions in rubbish collections, the two councils now say the problems have settled down.

They also plan to introduce food scraps collections in the next few months.

The leader of the Labour group on the borough council, Councillor Lee Mason (*Lab, Brookside*) said the opportunity was "too good to miss".



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## New measures at food store

**SECURITY** measures have been strengthened at a Co-operative Food store in Northampton that suffered five robberies within three years.

Last year at the Newnham Road store, in St David's, three men confronted a staff member with golf clubs and a claw hammer. On another occasion thieves made off with more than £11,000 in cash.

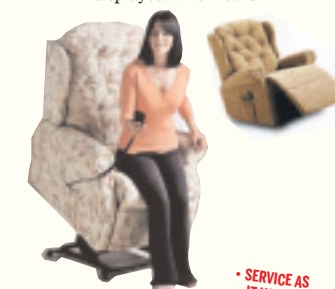
The increased security is part of a £220,000 store refit. Although the robberies did not prompt the refit – which is part of a national rebranding exercise – improvements will include a new alarm system, layout and security doors.

Manager Stephen Dix said: "Upgrading the store will freshen up the shopping experience and improve the vitality of the local area, and I look forward to welcoming customers into the new-look store."

A spokesman for The Co-operative said: "As part of the refurbishment, the store's security measures have been reviewed and improved."

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Sarah Hobbs, pictured at the Old Red Lion, in Litchborough, with Roy Crutchley, of Hoggleys Brewery, and Ben Aveling, landlord of the pub

# Winner brews her own special beer

**A PUB regular won a prize to brew her own chilli and chocolate beer for a special sale.**

Sarah Hobbs, aged 46, of Banbury Road, Litchborough, near Towcester, won a raffle prize to brew a beer to be sold at her local pub, The Old Red Lion.

The pub in Banbury Road hosted the competition during the Royal Wedding bank holiday

weekend earlier this year, and Mrs Hobbs won the chance to create her own beer at Hoggleys brewery in Litchborough.

The dark beer, which includes subtle hints of chocolate and chilli and is known as Triple H, will be launched at the pub on Friday at 8pm.

Mrs Hobbs said: "I got to see the whole process from start to finish and it was a good experience to learn how beer is made.

"I haven't tasted it yet so I am excited to try it and I hope people like it. I love chocolate with chilli and it's something different."

Mrs Hobbs said the Triple H, which stands for Hobb's Hog Heaven, will set the pub apart and involve the community.

Punters will have the opportunity to try the beer at the launch night and a variety of chill and chocolate-themed refreshments will be available.

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## Fund-raising camp begins



A BRAVE fund-raiser made his first stop at a charity shop at the weekend, the start of a six-month camping and cycling campaign.

Father-of-three Daniel Thompson arrived at the British Heart Foundation store in Abington Street, Northampton town centre, on Saturday.

It marked the beginning of his unusual fund-raising feat of camping, sleeping and eating in his tent outside the front of his house in Milton Keynes, while during the day he will be cycling to different charity shops across the region.

The effort will raise money for the British Heart Foundation and Cancer Research UK.

Daniel's first chosen charity is literally close to his heart; he has had a defibrillator since he was 16 due to a life-long condition.

He said: "I've not gone on any survival courses or anything, my preparation is from what I've done and seen on the telly, but I'm quite a good cook anyway."

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Pictured above, Daniel Thompson is raising money by cycling to five counties and living in a tent for six months

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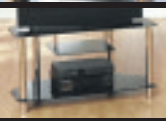
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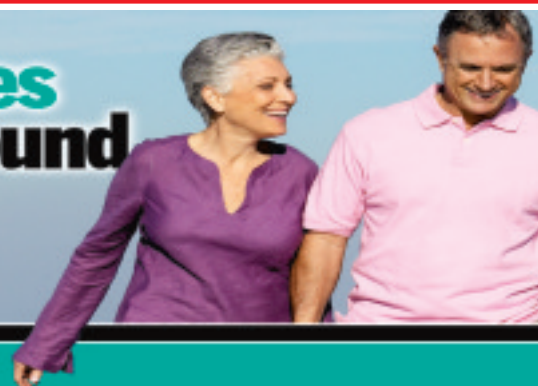
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# Town one of top for house buyers

**NATIONAL research has shown Northampton is one of the top towns in the country to buy a property rather than rent.**

The research showed that people who rent a property in Northampton can face monthly bills of up to 33 per cent more than those with a mortgage.

Nicholas Leeming, from Zoopla, who carried out the survey, said the difference was down to a drop in house prices and a rise in demand for rental properties. He said: "With house prices down, low interest rates and sky high demand in the private rental sector, buying has never been a better option for those able to secure a mortgage."

The company's research showed a two-bedroom flat in Northampton costs about £586

a month to rent. The same property bought with an interest-only mortgage would cost about £441 a month.

Richard Miller, from Northampton-based estate agents, Millers, agreed the cost of renting in the town was now encouraging more people to buy. He said: "We're seeing that a lot of people who are looking at renting see the price and think to themselves, 'at that price I could buy'."

"The only real problem people have in that situation is raising the deposit. That's the big issue for first time buyers."

"But I think those who can get together the deposit are realising that now is a good time to buy."

The number one area of the country where it is best to buy was said to be Milton Keynes, where renting costs 39 per cent more than taking out a mortgage. At the other end of the spectrum, it is nine

per cent cheaper to rent in Aberdeen than buy.

On the wider property market, Mr Miller said that while things were nowhere near reaching the heights of the property boom seen before the global recession, the market in Northampton was performing reasonably well.



A rise in demand for rental properties in Northampton has seen prices in this market rise, according to a new survey

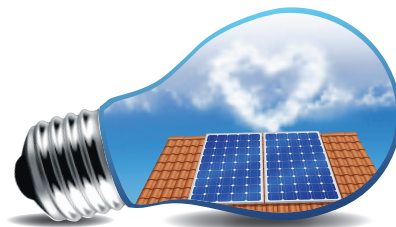
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# Carpenter in new job after sight loss

**A FORMER carpenter who had to quit his job when he lost his sight two years ago has set up his own therapy centre after re-training as a masseur.**

Father-of-two Tony Taylor worked building exhibition stands for events – a job he had been in for more than a decade – when he woke up one morning with blurred vision after suffering a suspected stroke.

The 46-year-old, who lives in Hartwell, said: “I suffered a de-

tached retina in my left eye in 2001 which left me with no sight in that eye but that was never a problem once I recovered from the operation, I just over-compensated with my other eye.

“Then on the morning of February 16, 2009, I woke up and couldn’t see properly. I went straight down to eye casualty and they said I could be totally blind within a week.”

“When it first happened I was devastated. I thought I was useless. I couldn’t drive, I couldn’t work,

and I was always worried about whether it might get worse.”

After undergoing counselling Mr Taylor gained an ITEC diploma level three in holistic massage, sports massage therapy, reflexology and on-site chair massage and now runs Easeaway Massage Therapy, at Therapies treatment centre in Tudor Court, Wootton Fields.

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# Change to speed limit 'will cost more lives'

**A ROAD safety campaigner has hit out at the Government's plans to increase the motorway speed limit to 80mph.**

Transport Secretary Philip Hammond announced that with half the population regularly breaking the current 70mph speed limit, it was time to change the "out of date" law.

But Glenn Tarry, a passionate campaigner for BRAKE, said the move could cost lives.

The safety driving instructor began fund-raising for the road safety charity following the death of his brother Paul Bullock, who was killed when the speeding car he was a passenger in crashed on the A45, near Northampton, in 2009.

Glenn said: "It saddens me to think that after 12 months of running marathons, talking at schools about road safety, and being a driving instructor, that everything I've done just falls on deaf ears."

"The Government now wants to legitimise the law breaking people who can't

keep a car at 70mph.

"How many more people have to lose sons, daughters, mothers or fathers before we, as a society, agree that driving can be dangerous and a weapon in the wrong hands?"

Northamptonshire Police have no fixed cameras on the M1 but the road policing team does carry out mobile operations on the motorway.

Last year there were 38 serious accidents on the M1 in the East Midlands region, in which 46 people were either seriously injured or killed.

Transport Secretary Philip Hammond said: "Now it is time to put Britain back in the fast lane of global economies and look again at the motorway speed limit which is nearly 50 years old, and out of date, thanks to huge advances in safety and motoring technology."

"Increasing the motorway speed limit to 80mph would generate economic benefits of hundreds of millions of pounds through shorter journey times."

The Red Lion owner, chef Adam Gray, hosted the Masterchef style masterclass



## Chef hosts masterclass

COOKS from a chain of care homes gathered at a pub in Northamptonshire for a Masterchef-style masterclass.

Avery Healthcare's cooks headed to The Red Lion in East Haddon for the cook off, overseen by its owner, Adam Gray, who has also worked as a chef at the Michelin-starred Le Manoir aux Quat' Saisons in Oxfordshire.

Hayley Strowbridge, hotel services manager at Avery Healthcare, said: "Meal-times are an important time for residents. As part of our chef's training programme, we have planned a short course at Adam's cookery school where our chefs will be required to prepare their interpretation of a set dish under his tutelage."

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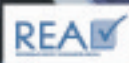
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# Getting flu jab will help heart patients

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People with heart disease are four times more likely to suffer a heart attack after developing an infection such as the flu. There are 21,749

people in Northamptonshire with heart disease.

Judy O'Sullivan, senior cardiac nurse at the BHF, said: "If you have heart disease and catch the flu you are at higher risk of developing serious complications.

"That's why we're urging heart patients across North-

ampton and Northamptonshire to visit their GP to get the flu jab.

"It more than halves your risk of developing the virus, takes less than a minute and it's free.

"And the flu jab does not cause the flu because it does not contain a live virus."

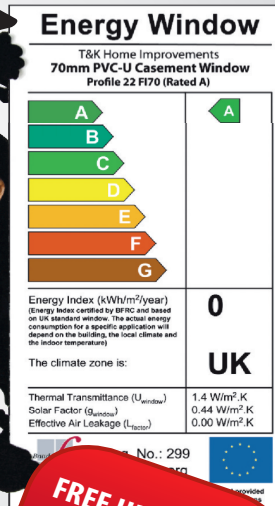
Typical flu symptoms include a temperature of 38C (100.4F) or above and chills, a dry or sometimes chesty cough, runny or blocked nose, sneezing, a sore throat, headache, tiredness, aching muscles or joints, upset stomach or diarrhoea, loss of appetite and difficulty sleeping.

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# New number rolled out for non-emergencies



**A NEW telephone number for residents in Northamptonshire to contact the police for non-emergency crimes is being launched this month.**

The new 101 non-emergency number for the police is to be rolled out across the county on Monday, October 17, for people to use when they should not be ringing 999.

The number is already in use in a number of counties across the country and is being rolled out to the remaining forces on a phased basis throughout 2011. The latest roll-out includes Suffolk, Norfolk, Warwickshire and West Mercia, as well as Northamptonshire.

Initial testing for the new system started inside the county on Thursday last week and will continue until Monday.

On Wednesday, teams will then ensure mobile phone calls are not mis-routed, before a final analysis is carried out on Thursday and Friday.

If senior police chiefs in Northamptonshire are then happy, the system will go live on October 17.

A police spokesman said: "The new number will make it quicker and easier for the public to get the service they need. The new national 101 non-emergency number will do just that, giving a single, easy to remember number for people to call to report crime and other concerns that do not require an emergency police response.

"101 will be the number to call to report a crime that has already happened and any other incidents or concerns that do not require an emergency response.

"Members of the public can also call it to speak to their local Safer Community Team, to make a general enquiry or make us aware of any policing issues in their local area. For those with any hearing difficulties or a speech impairment, a text phone is available on 18001 101. Calling 101 for situations that do not require an immediate police response helps keep 999 available for when there is an emergency."

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# £15k running boost for charity

A TOTAL of £15,000 has been raised by a group of more than 100 people who took part in The Run '11 in Northampton for a charity set up in memory of two holidaymakers who were shot dead in Florida.

Friends of James Kouzaris and James Cooper, who died in Sarasota in April, have set up the Always a Chance foundation, which aims to raise £1 million by October 2012 to provide education projects for young

people, on the dangers involved with gang crime and violent culture.

On Sunday, a group of 115 people, including former teachers of Mr Kouzaris, who attended Northampton School for Boys, took part in The Run '11 on Sunday to raise money for the charity.

The event came at the start of a week of fund-raising events which will include a skydive, a zumbathon and a live music event.

Joe Hallett, chief executive of Always a Chance, said: "We are moving forward at a fast rate and this is due

to the support of the general public.

"It just goes to show what can be achieved in a short space of time and how inspiring James Kouzaris and James Cooper were.

"They were both really positive people and loved life.

"They embraced every day and we set the charity up in their name because that's what they would have wanted us to do."



James Kouzaris

Tomorrow, the charity will be holding an official launch night at The Picturedrome in Kettering, Road, Northampton which will include an art auction featuring work by local artists.

The night runs from 7pm until midnight and tickets are £5 in advance or £7 on the door.

On Sunday, the inaugural James Kouzaris Trophy rugby game will be held between representatives

from Northampton School for Boys and Old Northamptonians RFC.

The charity is also aiming to recruit 1,000 people to give £1 a month and is hoping to sign up 100 businesses to commit to raising £1 per day.

If the Always A Chance charity achieves its total of £1 million by October 2012, it will provide grants for projects in education, opportunity and inspiration and victim support.

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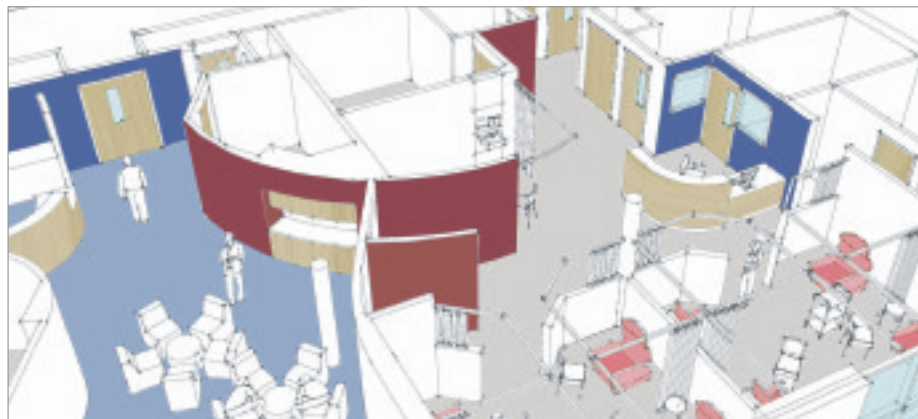
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# Blood treatment unit on schedule



**A NEW blood cancer treatment unit at Northampton General Hospital – the subject of the *Chronicle & Echo's* charity fund-raising campaign – remains on target to open in February next year, according to the latest update from hospital chiefs.**

The *Chron* and Macmillan Cancer Support launched a joint appeal to raise £1.55 million for the new build in July last year. That appeal has so far raised more than £750,000.

And Charles Abolins, NGH fa-

cilities chief, reported to the hospital trust board this week the building would be open on time.

He said building work was now due to finish in December; two weeks later than planned, but said that would not affect the official opening, adding: "Having recently inspected the site, it is already evident the internal space created is vastly superior to the old department and will significantly improve the patient experience and working environment for staff."

Mr Abolins said the new unit would give staff more flexibility and ensure they were not "shoe-

horned" into their department.

Sonia Swart, NGH medical director and consultant haematologist working in the hospital's current unit, said: "I think haematology is the department with the highest footfall per square metre, yet it has among the smallest space."

"This new unit is what the patients want, and I think it will be very uplifting."

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# Top earners at borough council earn combined salaries of £1.7m

**LATEST figures have revealed the top 24 earners at the Guildhall took home a combined total of more than £1.7 million last year.**

Northampton Borough Council published its annual accounts last week.

The figures show the authority's top 24 managers were paid a combined total of £1,779,000 between March 2010 and April 2011, an increase of £131,000 on the previous year.

The leader of the authority, Coun-

cillor David Palethorpe (*Con, Bill- ing*) saw his party swept to power in May this year on the back of a manifesto which included a pledge to cut the wage bill for senior staff.

Reflecting on the latest pay figures, which pre-date the Conservatives' time in charge of the council, Councillor Palethorpe (*pictured*) pledged that a big reduction would be seen when next year's accounts are revealed.

He said: "We've said senior pay rates are too high and we are reducing them. There will be more reductions over the next 12 months and

when the next set of figures are published the list will include fewer senior managers.

"We're a smaller council now. We're being increasingly efficient and we can't slim down the size of the organisation and keep the same level of senior managers.

"So these figures from before the election just confirm what we were saying then and we are



doing something about it now."

But despite the council leader's tough stance, the leader of the opposition at the Guildhall, Councillor Lee Mason (*Lab, Brookside*) argued that changes needed to be made more quickly than they currently are.

She said: "I was amazed to see an increase of £131,000 in times of financial austerity and service cut backs. "It's not just the public who will be

angry but also the council staff who have suffered a two year pay freeze.

"While I appreciate this happened under the previous Liberal Democrat administration, the Tories should have got to grips with this immediately and they now need to as a matter of urgency."

At the top of the council's pay scale is chief executive David Kennedy, whose £138,000 salary did not increase last year.

Below him, the vast majority of the council's directors and heads of service received pay rises of several thousand pounds.

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## Council to pay over dispute

**SOUTH** Northamptonshire Council has been ordered to pay costs of £1,260 following a dispute over the naming of a development in Bugbrooke.

The council will have to rename Holt Gardens, in High Street, after magistrates found the council had breached its policy relating to the naming of new developments.

Magistrates at Corby Magistrates' Court also heard the name was 'offensive' to one resident.

Julian Howard, of West End, Bugbrooke, said the council's policy stated a development of five houses or less would be fed into a numbering system, so the houses should have become part of High Street.

But in December 2010, the council agreed with Bugbrooke Parish Council's suggestion that the four houses - two of which front on to High Street - should be named Holt Gardens, in memory of parish councillor John Holt, who passed away in 1994.

However, Mr Howard objected to this on the grounds there had been a long-standing neighbour dispute between his family and the Holt family, dating back to the 1950s.

South Northamptonshire Council will have to re-name or renumber the development.

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# Entertainment

**A**N IMAGINATIVE new production of Shakespeare's first comedy is now on in Northampton.

Following on from the success of Hamlet! The Musical and Eden End, Royal & Derngate's Made in Northampton season continues with The Two Gentlemen of Verona, which is on at the Royal stage until Saturday, October 22.

Shakespeare's story of love, friendship and infidelity is re-invented in this new production directed by Matthew Dunster, whose past successes have included Troilus and Cressida and The Frontline at Shakespeare's Globe.

The Two Gentlemen of Verona follows close friends, Valentine and Proteus, as they compete for the love of the beautiful Silvia, daughter to the Duke of Milan.

When Valentine is banished from the city, their friendship is tested to its limits and only through a maze of disguise and deception are they reconciled.

For this production Royal & Derngate will be collaborating with young company, RashDash Productions, made up of two choreographers and actresses, Abbi Greenland and Helen Goalen, whose recent Edinburgh success Scary Gorgeous scooped a Fringe First as well as a MTM: UK award (Musical Theatre Matters).

Royal & Derngate artistic director Laurie Sansom, said: "It is really important to keep Shakespeare relevant in energetic new productions like this, which bring the text to life without losing any of the magic of the original language."

"The combined talents of RashDash and Matthew Dunster have created a show which is accessible for those encountering Shakespeare for the first time, yet true enough to the original to delight Shakespeare traditionalists."

"This is a great opportunity to see one of Shakespeare's more rarely performed plays, a thoroughly entertaining example of the Bard's earlier work."

Tickets cost from £12 to £27 and can be booked by calling the Box Office on 01604 624811 or visiting [www.royalandderngate.co.uk](http://www.royalandderngate.co.uk).



## The two 'gentlemen' of Verona

## Behind the doors of Number 10

AN ALL star cast will come to Milton Keynes for a political thriller set behind the doors of Number Ten during three pivotal days in British history.

Bill Kenwright presents Warren Clarke, leading an all star cast, playing Winston Churchill in Ben Brown's Three Days in May at the Milton Keynes Theatre.

Set in a period when giving into Hitler was considered by some to be a viable option, having urgently assembled the British war cabinet, the new Prime Minister is suddenly confronted with an intense game of political chess as he tries to persuade peace treaty supporters, including Neville Chamberlain, that Britain must not give in.

Divided on whether to negotiate terms through Mussolini or escalate the battle against fascism alone, one man has to make a monumental decision which will shape the future of the free world.

Three Days in May, directed by Alan Strachan, embarks on a strictly limited national tour prior to the West End, which sees Warren Clarke return to the stage for the first time in over a decade, with Jeremy Clyde and Robert Demeger.

Tickets cost from £11 to £31.

Evenings 7.30pm, Saturday matinee 2.30pm.

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## The past is catching up



**J**OHNN Madden directs a gripping English-language remake of the Israeli film *Ha-Hov* about three retired Mossad agents, who come face to face with the spectres of the past.

Tightly scripted by Matthew Vaughn, Jane Goldman and Peter Straughan, *The Debt* is a political thriller that cranks up the tension and elegantly conceals plot twists by cutting back and forth between events in 1966 and 1997.

On the whole, Madden abides by convention but he occasionally wrong-foots us, including a jaw-dropping shock in the opening 10 minutes that sparks nagging doubts about the life expectancy of the lead characters.

The casualties of war are high and star billing offers scant protection from an inglorious early exit.

In Tel Aviv, 1997, Sarah Singer (Romi Aboulafia) proudly unveils a book about her brave mother Rachel (Helen Mirren), father Stephan (Tom Wilkinson) and fellow Mos-

sad operative David Peretz (Ciaran Hinds), who were despatched to East Berlin in 1966 to hunt down Nazi war criminal Dieter Vogel (Jesper Christensen).

Through interviews with the people who were there, Sarah has penned a vivid account of the trio's exploits behind enemy lines and their remarkable determination to bring Vogel to justice.

Confronted with this written account of the 1966 mission to capture Vogel, who conducted horrific experiments on Jews, Rachel recalls the past with shame and despair.

*The Debt* holds our attention in a vice-like grip, anchored by strong performances from the two ensemble casts.

We forgive Madden's film the odd indiscretion because the characters certainly don't forgive themselves, haunted by Stephan's assertion that, "Truth is a luxury. Some people have to put other things first: their family, their country."



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## Massive mafia

**G**ENRE-DEFINING dance trio **Swedish House Mafia** will headline a nine-hour 'One Night Stand' show at the Milton Keynes Bowl next summer.

The announcement follows news they will play another landmark One Night Stand show at New York's Madison Square Gardens this December.

The group, comprising of Axwell, Steve Angello and Sebastian Ingrosso, will become the first dance act to have headlined both venues.

The Swedes have enjoyed phenomenal success to date, not only did their recent UK tour sell out in minutes, leading to a second night added at London's Alexandra Palace, but they sold more than one million singles in 2010.

Their album, *Until One*, reached gold status and they co-headlined BBC Radio One's Big Weekend and played major festivals including Creamfields, T in the Park and Oxegen.

The trio's infamous

Masquerade Motel events sold out in Miami, Las Vegas and Ibiza where they enjoyed a 16-week residency.

Swedish House Mafia play the National Bowl in Milton Keynes on Saturday, July 2012.

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## ROADTEST: Volvo XC60

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# Ready for 'mean streets'

**W**ELL done, Volvo's press department for telling me, without beating about the bush (or trying to drive through it) that the XC60 'is not an off-roader'.

It might look like one, with its muscular stance and tall build, but this is a car designed more for the urban jungle than the foothills of Mount Everest.

And all the better for it. A pukka off-roader has to built like a tank to take all sorts of rough terrain clobberings.

That means it will be heavy and that means it's going to like a drop to drink and will handle corners with all the aplomb of a bed sheet in a force nine gale.

Volvo tells me the XC60 is designed to be a home on the motorway or muddy country lanes and venture to places that normal vehicles can't reach.

They're right; after a week with the test car it was obvious this most popular

current Volvo (easily outselling the smaller V50 estate in second place) has been perfectly pitched in its style-conscious, fairly affluent part of the market place.

Talking of style; looks are a purely personal matter but you won't find many people who don't think the XC60 is handsome and modern. It was designed by a man who arrived from Mercedes and has now left for pastures new, but to whom Volvo must be permanently indebted, thanks to the foreign currencies pouring into its coffers.

But being a Volvo you know there were more than looks on the agenda when the XC60 was conceived. Think Volvo and, for decades that has meant you'll automatically think safety for driver and passengers.

The XC60 doesn't disappoint on that score, with every one using something called City Safety that sees a potential accident ahead in low speed driving and puts the brakes on for you if it senses

you're day dreaming. It might not stop a collision, but you'll hit the car in front at a lower speed – good for your health and bodyshop repair bills.

As well as looking after you in an accident, Volvos have long appealed to the greener among us, once boasting that the air from the exhaust was cleaner than the air being sucked into the engine some metres ahead.

The XC60's bulk and comparative heaviness means it's no eco champion but the large-ish diesel engine and automatic gears in the test car still combine to present fuel consumption and pollution figures that won't frighten the horses. I recorded 39mpg on test, a decent figure for a car that will give some hot hatches a run for their money.

Not that the driver of an XC60 will ever do that, of course. Sitting high above the common herd in a seat of rare comfort, you're much more inclined to slacken the pace a bit and enjoy the quietness of a cabin that looks austere smart (it's a Swedish car, remember).

Some of the serenity vanishes on poor British side roads, where the car rocks enough side to side to persuade you to lower the pace. The car is in its element on smoother roads and makes an imperious motorway mile muncher.

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1999 £595



**Ford KA Style** 1.3, 3 door, 29989 miles, RED, Petrol, 2008, 58 reg, 1 Year Mot, 6 Months Tax. £2,100 ono **Tel: 07833727318**

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2000 £550

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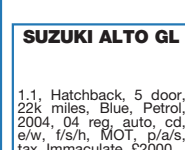
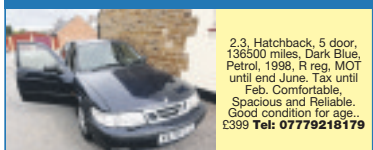
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2000, V reg, 5 door hatchback, low mileage 57,840 miles, red, petrol, power steering, air con, e/windows, 12 months MOT, 8 months tax, £550 **Tel: 01933 676451**

2000 £550



## Toyota

## TOYOTA AVENIS T2 D-4D



Diesel, 2006, 56 reg, 6 speed box, e/windows, air con, 82,000 miles, service history, MoT'd & taxed, drives superb, used daily, ABS, first to see will buy. £2,850 ono **Tel: 07717 233749**

2006 £2850 ono

## Toyota Avensis Vermont



1.8, Hatchback, 5 door, 84,045 miles, Silver, Petrol, 2000, X reg, New battery & tyres. Side airbags, Remote C/L locking, Rear armrest. Alloys, ABS, Immobiliser, power steering, elec windows, elec mirrors, CD player & radio, air con, MOT - Nov, Tax - Oct 31st, 1 prev owner, FSH. £1,250 **Tel: 01536 770262**

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## Vauxhall

## VAUXHALL ASTRA Special



1.7 CDTi, 5 door, 59,500 miles, silver, 2005, 55 reg, 12 months MOT, 4 months tax, FSH & all old MoT's, alloys, CD, 4x4W, PAS, AC, great economy, nice car. £3595 ono **Tel: 01933 390114**

2005 £3595 ono

## VAUXHALL ASTRA SXI



1.6, 3 door, 96,000 miles, Electric Blue, Petrol, 2004, 04 reg, Tax till end 2011, MOT till Feb 2012, t/s/h, a/c, alloys, cd player, tobar. Company car forces sale. £1650 ono **Tel: 07850 470205**

2004 £1650 ono

## Vauxhall Corsa SXi



1.2, Hatchback, 3 door, 143000 miles, green, Petrol, 2002, 02 reg, 12 months Mot, One lady owner from new. £1,100 ono **Tel: 0775 8801955**

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## Vauxhall Vectra SXi



2.0, Saloon, 4 door, 63000 miles, silver, Diesel, 2002, 52 reg, FSH 12 MONTHS MOT VGC. £2,750 ono **Tel: 07910821294**

2002 £2,750 ono

## VAUXHALL ASTRA

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1995 £495

## VAUXHALL ASTRA

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## Vauxhall

## VAUXHALL ASTRA LS

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1997 £395.

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2007 £4295

## VAUXHALL CORSA 1.4 Sport

2000, V reg, 3 door hatchback, black, 90,000 miles, abs, a/b, a/c, alarm, alloys, cd, i, e/m, e/w, 12 months MoT, p/a/s, spoiler, vgc. £895 ono  
**Tel: 07522 331613**



2000 £895 ono

**Vauxhall Corsa Active** 1.2, Hatchback, 3 door, 50000 miles, metallic black, Petrol, 2003, 53 reg, MOT DEC 2011. £1,999 ono **Tel: 01536745470**

2003 £1,999 ono

## VAUXHALL CORSA Breeze

1.2, Hatchback, 5 door, 43,000 miles, Metallic Silver, Petrol, 1999, V reg, e/m, e/w, p/a/s, t/s/r, 5 Months MOT and Tax, Full service history, 2 owners, Clean car and drives great. £995 ono  
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2002 £1,850

## VAUXHALL CORSA Trip

1.2, Hatchback, 3 door, 74,000 miles, Red, Petrol, 1998, R reg, 1 prev owner, very good condition, tax end of Nov, mot till may 2012. £550 ono  
**Tel: 01604 583132**

1998 £550 ono

## VAUXHALL MOVANO 2800

57,000 miles, white, 2002, 52 reg, 2.2 TD, MOT Sept 2012, Tax Feb 2012, Heavy duty roof rack, Ply lined, New battery and Tow bar. 07966 421858. £1700 ono  
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2002 £1700 ono

## Volkswagen

## Volkswagen Polo E



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2000 £1,825 ono

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**Tel: 0779 6023 177**

2003 £3500

## VOLKSWAGEN PASSAT S

1.9, Saloon, 61 K miles, Met Blue, Diesel, 05 reg, abs, a/b, a/c, alarm, cd, c/l, e/m, e/w, t/s/h, p/a/s, stereo, 10 months MoT, 9 months tax. Recently serviced. Average 48.5 MPG. Good condition.  
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07710 584128

2005 £3900 ono

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1999 £995 ono

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## Births



### Edward John Steers

Gary and Sarah Steers are pleased to announce the birth of their son Edward John on 22nd September. Brother to Jessica.



### Edward John Steers

Tricia and Richard Walker, Pat, John and Pappy Don Steers are delighted by the arrival of their grandson Edward John, brother for Jessica.



### Joshua Farmer

Congratulations Marie & Ryan on the birth of our second grandson Joshua a lovely little brother for Callum lots of love Mum, Dad, Kieran & Laura xx



### Scott Murrin & Aimee Harrold

20.09.2011  
 Congratulations on the Birth of Isabella Grace, My first Grandchild and Niece for Rickie Lots of love mum x x

**Oliver David Roy Burrows**  
 Congratulations Gemma and David on the safe arrival of your beautiful Son, Oliver David Roy, on 3rd October 2011.  
 All our love, Grandma Rita, Uncle Matthew, Auntie Katie and Cousin Eleanor x x x x

## 18th Birthday



### Lillian HUGHES

Happy 18th Birthday  
 All our love  
 Mum, Dad,  
 Phillip, Layla, Evie,  
 Nicola, Caroline,  
 Grace & 'Cookie'  
 x x x x

## Engagements

### Autumn Wedding Show

Kettering Conference Centre  
 Sunday 16th October 2011

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## Silver Wedding

### David & Joanne Marshall



(Nee Melay)

Love you Mum and Dad on your Silver Wedding Anniversary.  
 From Cameron and Finlay xx

Congratulations & best wishes.  
 Mum, Richard, kim, Callum and Grace xx

## Births

## Obituaries

**CLARKE** — David. Much loved Brother-in-law of Christine and Mick and devoted Uncle to John, David and their families. Forever in our thoughts.



## Obituaries

### FAYERS Tony Andrew (TAF)

Passed away September 2011

The saddest day of my life was when I was told you were gone

Not one to trouble or make a fuss you asked for nothing from any of us God called you to him and we had to part leaving us all lonely and with a broken heart

Will always love and miss you Tony  
 Your broken hearted Mum  
 x x x

My heart is breaking from the sudden death of my Brother Tony

Sad are the hearts that love you  
 Sad are the tears that fall  
 But living our lives without you  
 Is the saddest part of all

Rest in peace Tony  
 Your broken hearted Sister Pamela  
 x x x

Tony you were my Brother and my Friend  
 We had many shared memories  
 You were always there when I needed you  
 Taken from us too suddenly  
 You will be sadly missed Love Terry  
 x x x

Uncle Tony you were the best Uncle  
 I could ever have had  
 I would not have had it any other way  
 There will always be a gap in my heart and  
 I will always miss you  
 Your loving Nephew Luke  
 x x x  
 Funeral arrangements to follow

## GREEN

Gladys Passed away at her home, aged 92 on 24th September 2011, dearly loved Mother of Gerald (Bill) and Mother-in-law of Delia (UK). Beloved Grandma of Gerald (Jnr) and Karina and Great Grandma of baby Maeya, all in Sydney Australia.

**KING** — Paul. Passed away suddenly. Will be sadly missed by all at Cotton Club Fishing Section.

### LOVATT Paul

If flowers grow in heaven Lord  
 pick a bunch for me,  
 place them in my brothers arms  
 tell him there from me.  
 Tell him that I love him  
 and when he turns to smile,  
 place a kiss upon his cheek  
 and hold him for a while.  
 Rest in peace Paul  
 your broken hearted Sister.  
 Love Lynn, Jez and famiy.  
 xx



### LOVATT Paul

suddenly 30th September,  
 much cared for  
 Son-in-law of Dawn and Perce.  
 Sleeping peacefully.



## Obituaries

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### LOVATT Paul

You were taken from us so suddenly on 30th September from the family you loved, you are a very proud man and we are proud to have you in our family.

You asked for nothing, your hands built our homes and our lives, we will never forget your smiling face, you will never leave our hearts.

Your loving Wife Sharon and Children, Marcia, Charlene, Paulie, Maff and Grandchildren

Melissa, Owen, Josh, Kye, Maizy, Callum and Ellie.

R.I .P until we were together again.



### LOVATT Paul

Father-in-law and mate, you will be sadly missed.

Thank you for your two beautiful Daughters who will

always be taken care of.  
 May you rest in peace mate.  
 Tony and Nick.



**LOVATT** — Paul. Another great mate gone, remembering the good times we all had, will never fade. Sleep well mate, see you later. Muttley and the Spencer Lads.

**MORGAN** — Rita Lilian suddenly on 30th September. Much loved wife of the late Trevor, very dear sister of Sam and the late Doris. Funeral arrangements later.



### SMITH Pamela Marguerite

02/09/1938 - 02/10/2011

Passed away peacefully at home in Silverstone after a long illness.  
 Loving Wife and Best Friend to Bernard, devoted Mother to Son's Richard and Owen, precious Mother-in-law to Sarah and Loraine.  
 Wonderful Grandmother to Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren.

Good night God bless.

Funeral Arrangements will follow

## Obituaries

### VAUGHAN Dave

(Fish Market butcher for many years)

Passed away peacefully at Cynthia Spencer Hospice on Friday 30th September 2011

Devoted Husband to Janet  
 Loving Father to Melanie, Deborah, Hayley-bell, Paul, Lee,  
 Grandchildren, Great Grandchildren and his extended Family

"Gone but not forgotten"

Funeral arrangements to be confirmed

## UNDERWOOD

### Eddie

Passed away peacefully on 23rd September 2011 aged 75 years. Sadly missed by daughters Terri & Vicki, Son-in-laws Paul & Dean and Grandchildren Ryan, Liam, Oliver & Ellis.

The Funeral Service will be held on Monday 10th October, 11.00a.m at St. Andrew's Church, Yardley Hastings. Bright colours to be worn. Family Flowers only. Donations to the Parkinson's U.K. may be sent to B.Hollowell & Son, Beech Ave, Northampton.

**VAUGHAN** — Dave A lovely, kind and helpful man who will be sadly missed by June, Frank and family. Our Prayers are with Janet and family. xx



### VAUGHAN Dave

Passed away peacefully on Friday 30th September 2011.  
 Deepest sympathy to Janet and family.  
 From Den and family.

### WARD Angela

Remembering our dearly loved Sister Angela, who passed away 19.09.11.

With love from Dawn and Terry, Joy and the late Chic.

God Bless Angie. x x x x

### WARD Angela

Taken too soon, Monday 19th September 2011. Dearly loved Sister of Gloria and Sister in Law of Len. Loving Aunt of Gail, Gary and Kerri and their families. Goodnight Angie, sleep tight. x x

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## Obituaries

**WHITE**  
**Betty**

Passed away peacefully aged 85, on 27/09/11.

She will be sadly missed by her Daughter-in-law Jane, Sister Alice and Brother-in-law Colin.

Nan you were a wonderful Nan to John. Julie thought of you as her own Nan and Molly affectionately named you Granny.

We will never forget you. x x x

Remembering all the happy times and your wonderful sense of humour, miss you lots. Love from Steve, Julie and your Great Grandchildren Lottie, Max and Tommy. x x x

Reunited with Husband Jim and Son Ken.  
God Bless x x x

## In Memoriam

**RIDGEWAY**  
**William**

To our Grandad.  
Our Grandad.  
Star in the sky, how  
The days have passed  
Us by, we wonder if  
You catch our kiss,  
In our hearts you  
Are always missed.  
You will always shine  
The brightest.

We love you.

Your  
Oliver and Chloe  
x x x

## Birthday Memories

**BAMFORTH**  
**Matthew James**

Of Llandudno, North Wales.  
30.09.1971 - 06.06.2006

It's been over 5 years since you passed away,  
but your 40th was always meant to  
be a special day Son. Always a smile on your  
face, someone we loved and can never replace.

A very Happy Birthday love  
Dad, Vicky and all your family and friends  
xxx

**WHITE**  
**Rita**

As I opened my eyes  
this morning, I looked  
to the Heavens above,  
I whispered Happy  
Birthday my Darling  
and sent you  
all my love.

Love Dick  
xx

**WHITE**  
**Rita**

Thinking of you  
on your Birthday  
Grandma,  
but that  
is nothing new,  
for no day dawns and  
no day ends,  
without a thought  
of you

Kelly, Scott,  
Stefan, Abbie, Scott Jr  
x x x x x

**WHITE**  
**Rita**

We cannot send a  
Birthday card, your  
hand we cannot  
touch. But God will  
take our greetings, to  
our Mum we miss  
so much.

Lots of love always  
Lynn, Julie and Tracey  
x x x

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**M'CLOUGHLIN**  
**Kathleen**

A year ago and still  
a silent thought,  
A secret tear keeps  
your memory here.

From your  
devoted  
loving family  
x x x

**M'CLOUGHLIN**  
**Kathleen**

A kind heart and a  
smiling face, a  
wonderful Sister we  
can never replace.  
Eileen, Brendan &  
Gerard xx

**M'CLOUGHLIN**

Kathleen  
Always thoughtful,  
good and kind, a better  
Sister no-one could  
find. Sister to Bridget &  
Patrick, loving Auntie  
to Maria and Caroline  
xx

**MEGEARY**

In Loving memory  
of Judith Megeary.  
1 year since we lost  
such a special person.  
Loving Wife, Mother,  
Nan and Sister. Still in  
our hearts and thoughts  
everyday.

**RIDGEWAY**  
**WILLIAM (BILL)**

Passed away  
4th October 2010.  
In loving memory of my  
Dear Husband.

No-one sees a broken heart,  
That hides behind a smile,  
No-one knows the emptiness  
That stays with me all the  
While. Your smile has gone  
Forever, your hand I cannot  
Touch, but I will never lose the  
Memory of the one  
I love so much.

God Bless  
Loving you always  
Margaret  
x x x

**RIDGEWAY**  
**William**

To my Daddy.  
There is not a single  
hour, minute or  
second that goes by  
when you are not in  
my thoughts.

I will cherish all our  
Precious memories.  
My Daddy, my best  
Friend, sleep tight  
My beautiful Angel,  
Your Gal,  
Your Catherine  
and Dean  
x x x

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around you  
And whispered  
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x x

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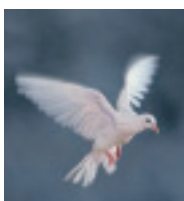
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**BOWLS:** Northants' indoor men's team returned from their tour to Sussex with a winning record from their six matches as they claimed four wins and suffered just two defeats.

They opened with a 116-113 win over Sussex County and then beat Egerton Park 126-109.

Their first defeat was a 164-79 reverse to Eastbourne & District.

But they bounced back to beat Denton Island 118-105. The winning form continued with a 143-111 success over Preston. But the tour ended on a losing note as they went down 152-99 to Adur.

**BASKETBALL:** A 21-point haul from Sam Round, the youngest player on the team, helped the Northants Thunder junior men to a hard-fought 73-64 win over local rivals Warriors.

As well as Round, Piers Toone scored 14 points and Ali McClure 12 while Garnet Walters contributed nine points, rebounded well and along with Toone put in a good defensive stint on Sentence.

**TENNIS:** County tennis ace Alex Ward can expect his world ranking to rise to a fresh high of 380 after he secured his first ever success in a \$10,000 Futures event at Falun in Sweden at the weekend.

The 21-year-old from Northampton came from a set down to defeat Carl Bergman 2-6, 6-4, 6-1 in the final.



WARMING UP FOR THE BIG ONE - Saints pair Dylan Hartley (left) and Chris Ashton in training with England in New Zealand

# Flood hits out

**TOBY FLOOD has urged his England team-mates to start taking responsibility for their actions off the field and pull together on it to strengthen their bid for World Cup glory.**

The Leicester fly-half was joined by Shontayne Hape in providing an insight into the disappointment some England players feel about the recent headline-grabbing controversies.

Mark Cueto has launched a vehement defence of England's conduct and blamed the media for making a 'mountain out of a molehill'.

Flood sees the issue from a broader perspective.

He believes the first responsibility lies on the shoulders of each player and Hape admitted to the BBC that 'a couple of the guys have let the squad down'.

But in an address worthy of a potential captain, Flood demanded England put all the distractions behind them and present a united front for Saturday's World Cup quarter-final clash with France.

"I think Mark's point is valid to a degree in terms of there's been a lot been written about it. However you're in a World Cup," Flood said.

"There's a lot more fuss, a lot more that goes on with it.

"You stand by what you do as a person. You have to be accountable for what happens in life.

"By no means does that make somebody an idiot because as a squad there's a camaraderie there. You surround them and you're behind them.

"That's what we have to do as a squad. "We understand things have happened, things that were not really what we wanted to do over here. However we deal with it as a squad, we unite behind it.

"We understand that sometimes when somebody is suffering it's an important time to rally around them and deal with it - and that's what we have to do at the moment.

"It's rumbled on but so what? We have to deal with it and understand that we've got to unite now... for the greater good. This is our goal.

"It's time for us to go: 'Look we are where we are now, this is important and this goes beyond anything else. As a squad we have to deal with it and unite'."

In some ways England's recent issues pale in comparison to those France are going through, with the squad seemingly in disarray following their Pool A defeat to

Tonga. The French players are understood to have held a summit meeting yesterday in a bid bring a sense of unity to the squad ahead of their showdown with England.

"We know they are in a situation now when it looks like they are in disarray - but I have been in teams that looked in disarray and it's a very dangerous thing," said Flood.

"It can be very powerful tool."

England beat France en route to their Six Nations title and they have prevailed in the semi-finals at each of the last two World Cups.

Saints stars Ben Foden, Chris Ashton and Courtney Lawes are all expected to start in the quarter-final clash at Eden Park on Saturday.

Club-mate Dylan Hartley is expected to be on the replacements' bench, while Tom Wood may miss out on the matchday squad.

Ashton will be hoping he can again be the matchwinner for England, just as he was in their dramatic 16-12 pool victory over Scotland last weekend, the Saints flyer's try three minutes from time putting England ahead for the first time in the game.

## Denton flying high

**FOOTBALL:** Denton are the early pace setters in the Peter Smith Recruitment Town League after beating FC Crispin 4-1 with their goals being shared between Rob O'Neill, Callum Snooks, Sam Wade and player-secretary Ben Cook.

Craig Fowkes netted Crispin's consolation.

AFC Wombles are hot on Denton's heels just one point behind on the back of an 11-2 annihilation of Bantam.

Olly Urquhart hit the target four times to go with a hat-trick from Stuart McDermott and two apiece from Nick Kerr and Neil Lewis. Bantams 'reply came courtesy of a double strike from Daniel Oats.

Delapre Old Boys played host to near neighbours Mereway United in the Far Cotton local derby.

Mereway raced into a 2-0 half-time lead thanks to two well taken goals from the prolific Dirk Campling.

However it was a different story in the second period with Delapre mounting attack after attack but Mereway's defence was only breached once when John Fury netted to make the score 2-1 in Mereway's favour.

In the NFA Lower Junior Cup, Gleneagles hammered Northants Combination outfit Corby Strip Mills 6-0 to progress into the next round.

Paul Ekins led the way with four goals.

**KARTING:** Duston karter Cameron Leason will be hoping to achieve his aim of finishing in the top three in the rookie class of this year's British Super One Kart Championship at his home race at Whilton Mill in Northants.

The 15-year-old is currently lying fourth in his class after an 'up and down' season, but is hoping for some luck to help him overhaul his rivals at the final round this weekend.

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**LATE, LATE JOY** - the Cobblers players and supporters celebrate Ben Tozer's 89th-minute winner in the 2-1 victory at Barnet on Saturday

PICTURE: KIRSTY EDMONDS

## Johnson keen to keep hold of new arrivals

GARY JOHNSON has confirmed the Cobblers may look to extend the deals of the two players they signed last week.

Town recruited Chris Arthur and George Baldock the day before the trip to Barnet, with the latter playing 80 minutes of the 2-1 win at Underhill and acquitting himself well.

Arthur, who can play anywhere down the left or as part of a midfield three, was an unused substitute, but Johnson was pleased to get both of them on board and – depending on how they perform – will look to take the matters further.

“Both of the players we signed last week we could look at doing something longer-term with,” he said.

“Chris Arthur we’ve got until January on a window-to-window contract and we’ll suss that out when the time comes. George (Baldock) is here on a youth loan and that can be as long as you want but initially it’s just going to be for one month.”

By making the additions last week, Johnson has added a layer of depth to his squad. Even with Byron Webster, Andy Holt and Nana out injured, there were still players left at home who have been on the bench in recent weeks.

Austrian teenagers Marin Pozgain and Lumbardh Salihi, along with first-year professional Greg Kaziboni will now be under less pressure to be part of the proceedings and can concentrate on their development away from the glare of first-team football.

“Our young players, and we have got a lot of young players, won’t be under so much pressure now,” he said.

“Crackers (Michael Jacobs), for example, didn’t have his best game at Barnet but he’s gaining experience all the time and it’s not really about getting better, it’s whether you learn about yourself and learn what you can and can’t get away with.

“We’ve got that with pretty much all of our starting 11 at the moment, they’re all young lads and they’re going to be learning all the time.

“We’ve brought in two other young players because those are the players we can afford to bring in.

“It was a difficult game at Barnet and I was pleased with how George (Baldock) handled himself and got through it.”

The Cobblers take on Crawley Town at Sixfields this Saturday (ko 12.45pm), with the game being shown live on Sky Sports.

# Ben lifts the gloom

**SAINTS legend Ben Cohen has told gloomy supporters to look at the greatest moment in the club’s history for inspiration.**

Northampton have had a dire start to the campaign without their World Cup stars, and sit level on points with bottom-placed Newcastle as they prepare for the visit of high-flying Exeter this Saturday.

But Cohen recalls the 1999 World Cup having a similar impact on Saints, and that season they recovered to go on and challenge for the Premiership title plus win the

Heineken European Cup at Twickenham.

The 33-year-old, whose Franklin’s Gardens first team career spanned 11 years, said: “They have got a lot of players missing and people must remember that.

“I have heard a lot of people and supporters saying the wheels have fallen off and the season is over already. But my response to that is the 99/2000 season.

“We had a really bad start to that season with all our players at the World Cup and we went on to win the Heineken Cup.”

Back in 1999 Matt Dawson, Nick

Beal, Paul Grayson, Tim Rodber, Pat Lam, Allan Bateman and Budge Pountney were missing for the start of the campaign and Saints lost four of their first six games.

It was not as bad as 2011’s current one win in five games, but Saints rallied to finish fifth and then went on to win the Heineken Cup.

Cohen, who has retired from the game and has created the Ben Cohen Stand Up Foundation to combat homophobia and bullying, can see the similarities with this season.

And he has faith that the return of Saints’ eight World Cup aces will make a big difference, especially

England stars Chris Ashton, Ben Foden, Tom Wood, Courtney Lawes and Dylan Hartley.

Cohen, who was thrust into the Northampton side as a raw 21-year-old after graduating from Old Scouts, said: “When all the World Cup players were away in 1999 it was very hard.

“We had a really terrible time and I found myself as a first-team player.

“I was not playing particularly well and nor were the team, we were losing. I got myself a personal trainer at that point and I managed to get stronger and fitter.”

Cohen, who scored 101 tries for

Saints in 276 games, added: “The players came back from the World Cup along with Garry Pagel and the results picked up.

“We were missing players like Rodber, Beal, Grayson and Dawson.

“When those players returned we started winning games again and we went on to win the Heineken Cup, which was an amazing day for everybody involved.”

Saints, who were beaten 12-3 at Worcester Warriors on Friday night, are back on home soil on Saturday when they take on Exeter Chiefs at Franklin’s Gardens (ko 3pm).

**World Cup latest - see inside**

